GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES AND MINERALS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:125
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
CONSUMPTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of coal has been continuously decreasing for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of coal lifted in the country during 1996- 97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 till date ;

(d) whether power, steel, cement, fertilizer, chemical and paper sectors are the major consumers of coal in the country; and

(e) if so, the quantum of coal demanded and supplied to each of these sectors during the said years alongwith the balance of coal stock at the end of each of the said years? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 125 FC
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(a)&(b) The overall projected demand of coal has not been materialising in the last few years, leading to less offtake from coal companies. The reasons for less offtake of coal include general slackness in market conditions, non-materialisation of coal based power generation capacity and increased import of non-coking coal by cement sector.

(c)to(e) Power, Steel and Cement sectors are the major consumers of coal. Sector-wise demand and offtake of coal during the years 1996-97 to 1999-2000 are given below:

(Figures in million tonnes)

SECTOR	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	DEMAND	OFFTAKE	DEMAND	OFFTAKE	DEMAND	OFFTAKE	DEMAND	OFFTAKE
	(FULL YEAR)		(APRIL-DEC.'99)					
POWER	210.00	199.00	205.90	212.92	220.70	204.68	214.00	160.70
	(5.00)	(2.58)	(4.10)	(3.62)	(3.70)	(3.02)	(3.00)	(1.62)
CEMENT	17.50	11.34	18.20	10.13	15.00	8.61	10.00	7.13
STEEL	40.50	25.55	41.40	23.61	36.83	24.98	36.83	15.13
FERTI-LISERS	4.40	4.38	4.40	4.64	4.50	4.11	4.30	2.39
OTHERS	52.60	46.19	53.48	42.45	48.35	46.20	46.70	33.80
(includes chemical & paper)	(2.70)		(2.70)	(2.10)	(3.80)		(2.70)	
TOTAL	325.00	286.46	323.38	296.96	325.38	288.58	311.83	219.15
	(7.70)	(2.58)	(6.80)	(5.72)	(7.50)	(3.02)	(5.70)	(1.62)

Figures in bracket indicate middlings. Offtake − excluding imported coal. ::2::
Details regarding balance of vendible coal stocks with coal companies are as follows:
(Figures in million tonnes)

COMPANY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (upto Dec.'99)
Coal India Limited	26.86	26.41	29.96	20.11
Singareni Coal Companies Limited	1.83	1.37	1.67	0.59
OTHERS	0.25	0.28	0.27	0.17
TOTAL	28.94	28.06	31.90	20.87